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Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Practice makes perfect

Pararescuemen from the 304th Rescue Squadron perform terminal area tactical training on a simulated patient. This particular training helps the Airmen prepare for real world rescue operations. The 304th Rescue Squadron is part of the newly reactivated 943rd Rescue Group here at D-M.

D-M needs to stop, think prior to going to ER

By Stephanie Ritter

355th Wing Public Affairs

Services offered by the 355th Medical Group may be in jeopardy due to the misuse of downtown care by members of the Davis-Monthan community.

"Individuals using off-base emergency rooms for non-emergencies are unknowingly taking scarce resources from other important medical initiatives for the installation," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "During a recent survey, (more than) 80 percent of visits to our local emergency rooms were for non-emergent care."

"If we can get our patients to use emergency services only when needed, we stand to save several hundred thousand dollars a month," said Col. Richard Clark, 355th Medical Group chief of medical staff. "With these savings we can expand the services we offer our patients and possibly add more clinic hours in the evenings and (on the) weekends."

However, according to Colonel Clark, the more the

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Traveling Vietnam memorial helps Tucsonans remember, heal

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

The American Veteran's Traveling Tribute is bringing an 80-percent scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. to Tucson today.

The wall is an exact replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C., according to AVTT's Web site. When changes are made to the memorial in Washington, D.C., they are also made to the traveling memorial.

Opening ceremonies will be today

at 10 a.m. with posting of the colors, playing of taps, singing of the national anthem, opening prayer and guest speakers, said (Ret.) Chief Master Sgt. Sandy O'Konek adjutant for the American Legion Riders, Post 109, Corona De Tucson, Az. It will be at the Veterans Hospital on Ajo Way and 6th Avenue and will be open 24 hours a day through Sunday. Lighting and security will be provided at night. The memorial is free to the public and computers will be available to help people find their loved ones on the wall. The

wall also features a veteran's art exhibit.

Tomorrow will feature massing of the colors at 10 a.m. followed by opening ceremonies and several guest speakers, Ms. O'Konek said. Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. features the Run for the Traveling Wall, as well as a motorcycle run by riders from Tucson followed by opening ceremonies.

The 'Traveling Tribute' appears in Tucson with the help of a local organization.

The American Veteran's Traveling Tribute contacted the American Le-

gion Riders to see if they would like to help sponsor the wall as it travels across Arizona this year, and newly-established American Legion Riders members decided to take it on, Ms. O'Konek said.

"The American Legion Riders are extremely proud to be the group selected to host the AVTT visit to Tucson and to put Tucson on the map with a first - the first time in the history of the wall that the location of the showing is a VA hospital," Ms. O'Konek said.

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of Monday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	1148.4	619.3	2,449.2	162nd OSB	1,062.3	1,233.7	2,135.0
43rd ECS	1183.3	1143.7	2,350.8	354th FS	5,917.6	5,843.0	11,296.5
55th RQS	1584.1	1143.7	2,880.0	357th FS	4,616.0	4,548.8	8,966.0
79th RQS	834.0	881.7	1,451.0	358th FS	4,606.0	4,611.5	8,948.0

Pilot instructor training as of April 11

357th FS	358th FS
05 BBD -9 days	05 ABD -11 days
05 ARQ -23 days	05 BRQ -23.5 days
05 BID -38 days	05 BID -24.5 days
05 CID -16 days	05 CID -11 days

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.



Photo by Senior Airman Shavonne Edwards

Kathleen Dunbar (left), vice-mayor of Tucson, is presented with a poster Monday commemorating National Woman's History Month by Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. The poster was presented to Ms. Dunbar during the National Women's History Month luncheon held at Davis-Monthan Monday.

Night shift child care

Concern: I have a question concerning on-base childcare. Why are the Child Development Centers only available on a dayshift schedule?

My work center, and most of the work centers on D-M, are 24-hour operations. It seems as though if you have children (which I do) you have to work dayshift or not use the Child Development Center. I feel like I do not have the flexibility I need to have being in a military to military household and I wonder how the single parents are able to work shifts other than days. I feel the Child Development Center is the best

place to take my children and I wish it was available 24 hours a day.

Response: Thank you for your concern on 24 hour operations at our state-of-the-art Child Development Centers.

Our CDCs assist in developing and nurturing Airmen by providing high quality child care allowing our active-duty members and DoD civilians to carry out their mission with minimal concern of the care of their children.

The CDCs base their operating hours on day-time work schedules to accommodate the vast majority of the families. For swing and mid-shift workers, the Family Child Care Program is available with certified and qualified providers, like the CDCs. These providers will provide care in their home on base.

For more information on the Family Child Care Program, please contact Linda Ray at 228-2201.

Shoppette hours of operation

Concern: Why isn't one of the shoppettes on base open 24 hours, or at least 24 hours on the weekend? With the size of D-M, the large population of Airmen who live on base and Tucson's retiree community, wouldn't it be enough to justify the additional hours?

Response: Thank you for bringing your concern to my attention. The hours at the Quijota Boulevard Shoppette are: Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The hours at the

Craycroft Road Shoppette are Monday through Saturday 6 a.m. through 9 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service has taken numerous surveys from customers regarding this issue with the latest conducted in August 2004 — 77 percent commented that the current hours were sufficient.

The overall AAFES mission is to support the military Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs through funds generated from their operations. Operating a 24-hour facility without the total support of the community would result in a loss of funds both to AAFES and the MWR.

These surveys are done periodically at the above locations and I encourage everyone to participate in these surveys so AAFES can better serve you.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.

Agency numbers

AAFES Agencies.....	228-3904	Inspector General.....	228-3558
Accounting and Finance.....	228-4964	Legal.....	228-6432
Chaplain.....	228-5411	Lodging.....	228-4845
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401	Military and Civilian Equal	
Clinic.....	228-2930	Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
Commissary.....	228-3116	Military Personnel.....	228-5689
Family Support.....	228-5690	Public Affairs.....	228-3204
Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-0022	Security Forces.....	228-6178
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714	Services.....	228-5596
Housing Office.....	228-3687	Transportation.....	228-3584

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 607th Air Control Squadron, located at Luke Air Force Base, is a Davis-Monthan asset. The Airmen of the 607th ACS conduct formal initial qualification training for operations crew personnel in command and control tactics, techniques and procedures. Instructors provide understanding of theater-level execution and increase mission effectiveness through mission crew and aircrew interface.

The 607th ACS provide in-garrison radar control to flying units operating in local airspaces. More than 80 maintenance and support personnel sustain radar and communications equipment worth \$50 million. The 607th ACS's mission is to train highly qualified weapons directors, surveillance technicians and air battle managers to ensure they are prepared to fight our nation's next war.

Staff Sgt. Dean Garrison (right) instructs Airman 1st Class Nicholas Jones (left), both of the 607th Air Control Squadron, on air-picture establishment procedures inside the modular control element operations module.



Courtesy photo

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Think before tossing

Operational Security can be compromised in one's trash

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

From the first day Airmen join the Air Force, Operational Security is discussed. The importance of securing all classified information is nearly implanted in their brains.

When in the active Air Force, it is still important to ensure Airmen have a good understanding of what OPSEC truly means.

"Operation Security is the only discipline that focuses primarily on unclassified information and activities," said Master Sgt. Carlos Guevara, 355th Wing OPSEC manager. "Classified information constitutes only a small fraction of the information and activities that the majority of us process every day."

Not every Airman comes across classified information, which can lead to miscommunication in how OPSEC relates to their day-to-day tasks.

"Most of the information we deal with is unclassified," Sergeant Guevara said. "Many think that if information or activities are not important enough to be classified, then they do not need to be protected. However, government sources estimated that 75 to 90 percent of our adversaries'

information collection requirements can be satisfied through unclassified open sources."

"Too often Operational Security is just another security discipline to pile on the plate and check the block for an inspection," Sergeant Guevara said. "The OPSEC is a systematic and proven process by which the U.S. government and its supporting contractors can deny to potential adversaries information about capabilities and intentions by identifying, controlling and protecting generally unclassified evidence of the planning and execution of sensitive government activities."

Information that does not have 'SECRET' stamped across can still reveal information to adversaries.

"Unclassified information of a sensitive nature, improperly handled, can easily provide adversaries with valuable information on current and future operations," Sergeant Guevara said. "For example, a simple document like travel orders for a site survey visit may identify the key information (e.g., the unit operations officer, unit, duty position, security clearance, purpose and times/location of travel)."

For more information on OPSEC, contact Maj. James Bennett or Sergeant Guevara at 228-4605.

Dental sealants offer alternative to decay

By Capt. Lenny Arias
355th Dental Squadron

Out of the 32 teeth most people have, the far back teeth have proven to be most difficult to reach.

The teeth in the lower back part of the mouth include smaller pre-molars and larger molars, which have raised points called cusps.

On the top, far back teeth; people have grooves

between the raised points called pits and fissures.

Proper oral hygiene, typically defined as brushing twice a day and flossing once a day, is usually sufficient to keep the rounded surfaces of teeth cavity-free.

However, pits and fissures can be narrow and run deep into the teeth, making it difficult to clean out the plaque that causes cavities (dental decay).

One alternative to ensuring all teeth are clean is a dental sealant.

A dental sealant is a protective plastic coating that is applied to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth where decay often starts.

Although it is an easy procedure, only a professional can apply sealants; which takes several steps.

First the teeth are cleaned. Then an etching gel is applied to the pits and fissures. The sealant is then painted on the teeth and a special light is used to set it. The procedure requires a few minutes per tooth and is relatively inexpensive.

Both baby and adult teeth can benefit from dental sealants, but children and teenagers are the most likely candidates to receive them.

A sealant will usually last several years, but reapplication of sealants may be necessary as time goes on. Dentists can determine if an adult or child would benefit from it at regular checkups.

Kyle Rodriguez, son of Christie and Jorge Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Squadron, brushes his teeth after eating breakfast at the Dorothy H. Finley Child Development Center on base. Children who are old enough to brush their teeth at the CDCs brush them after eating their breakfast. Brushing teeth twice a day can help reduce cavities.



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

News Notes

DTS to undergo upgrades

The Defense Travel System will undergo a major upgrade and will be unavailable today through April 19. If a member receives short-notice temporary duty orders after Saturday, the Airman will travel on "Commander's Orders." Confirmatory orders will be completed once DTS is back on-line. All reservations will need to be made off-line at the Alamo Travel Office. For more information, contact the Finance DTS Support Team at 228-0096.

Power outages scheduled

Saturday and Sunday there are scheduled power outages in Buildings 5045, 5254, 5256, 5258, 5259 and 5247. The 355th Civil Engineer Squadron is changing out an existing transformer.

Legal office closure

The 355th Wing Legal Office will be closed for client assistance Monday. Powers of attorney and notary service will still be available. The next legal assistance day will be Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. For emergencies call the command post at 228-7400 to connect to on-call personnel.

Bracelets out of regulation

The Lance Armstrong bracelet cannot be worn in uniform. The yellow bracelet supporting a cancer foundation does not meet the conservative criteria among other bracelets outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.

355th Medical Group closure

The 355th Medical Group will close April 29 at noon for an official 355th Wing function. All services to include lab, radiology and both main and satellite pharmacies will be closed. For non-emergency health issues, contact the on-call provider at 228-2778.

Commander's access channel

The commander's access channel has moved to Cox channel 22.

Appearances, speeches

Military and civilian personnel are authorized and encouraged to speak to audiences unfamiliar with the Air Force. For more information on the Base Speakers Bureau, contact the 355th Wing Public Affairs office at 228-5091.

Terrorism history

April 18, 1983, a car bomb exploded in front of the U.S. embassy in Beirut, killing 63 people, including 17 Americans. More than 100 others were wounded. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility, calling the bombing "part of the Islamic revolution." Iran subsequently denied having any role in the attack.

Air Force helps make wish come true

An Airman shares her story of what she wanted, how it was granted

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th wing Public Affairs

What began the same as any other day for a staff sergeant from wing scheduling quickly turned into a dream come true, April 6.

Staff Sgt. Teri Parent, 355th Operations Support Squadron NCO in charge of wing scheduling, was called to a meeting she thought would be like any she had sat through before. Instead, her husband came in carrying flowers and a message.

Officer Mike Parent, Sec-Tek DynCorp security officer, had made arrangements to grant Sergeant Parent's wish to launch an F-16 Fighting Falcon one final time.

Sergeant Parent spent her first four years of Air Force service as an F-16 crew chief with dreams of becoming a lead solo crew chief for the Thunderbirds, number 5 position.

"Being a crew chief was a way of life for me," Sergeant Parent said. "It was hard work, but when the aircraft took off it was instant gratification just knowing I did that."

But Sergeant Parent's dream of becoming a Thunderbird was cut short.

One day in 2000 when she scratched her face a mole on her cheek began to bleed and later changed colors. She went to see a doctor who removed the mole and tested it for cancer. The test results came back positive as malignant melanoma, a form of skin cancer. As a result, Sergeant Parent was immediately pulled from the flightline.

During the 2005 Aerospace and Arizona Days, Sergeant Parent was able to be up close to an F-16 for the first time since her cancer diagnosis four years earlier.

"Teri has always talked about how she misses working with jets," Officer Parent said. When the number 5 crew chief was introduced at the airshow,

she cried. Becoming the number 5 crew chief was the reason she joined the Air Force.

"When I asked her if she'd like to meet the man, she said, 'No, I don't think I'd be able to handle it emotionally,' so we decided to leave," Officer Parent said. While walking off the flightline, we came close to a static display of an F-16. Knowing how she was feeling, I attempted to steer her away from the plane. But she pushed me toward it. When I asked her why, she said, 'To say good-bye.' I stopped about 10 feet from the plane and let her walk up by herself. She walked up to the plane, hugged the nose cone and cried for a while."

After spending time with the plane and showing her husband some of the plane's features, they left the airshow.

"I was holding her hand as we left and tears were streaming down her face," Officer Parent said. "I asked her if she was OK, and she said 'I'd give anything to launch just one more F-16.' It hurt me so badly to see how much she missed it, the intense sorrow in her eyes that being without it had caused and her look of hopelessness to ever really come to terms with it."

At this point, Officer Parent decided he would try to find a way to make his wife's wish come true. He started making phone calls to see if there was any way Sergeant Parent could launch an F-16 for the final time.

"I intended it to be her birthday present in June because I thought it would take that long to coordinate," Officer Parent said. "However, everything happened in two days."

With just a few phone calls, everything was in place for Sergeant Parent to launch an F-16 from the Texas Air National Guard from San Antonio who were training with Snowbird Operations here. Officer Parent then paid his wife a visit to let her know her wish would come true later that same day when she would get to launch her final F-16.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Staff Sgt. Teri Parent, 355th Operations Support Squadron, launches an F-16 for the last time.

After a preflight briefing to review procedures, Sergeant Parent was on the flightline launching her final F-16.

"The thing that has touched me the most is that I never asked for this," Sergeant Parent said. "It makes you feel good to know people appreciate you enough to make something like this happen in two days. It is hard to put into words, but it was like a dream come true. This was the only thing missing from my life right now. I could not have asked for anything better."

Medical

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base spends on downtown services, the less they can spend at the medical clinic which may result in decreased manning and resources. The decrease in manning and resources makes it difficult for the 355th MDG to accomplish their mission.

Because it is common for anyone to experience health related issues during non-duty hours, the clinic has established guidelines for patients to follow to ensure they receive the right care for their healthcare problem.

"If an enrolled member of the clinic has a medical concern after our normal duty hours that they feel may need medical attention before the next duty day, then they can contact the 'Doctor on Call,'" Colonel Clark said.

"The 'Doctor on Call' can answer questions, give guidance on treatment and arrange for a clinic appointment the next morning as appropriate."

Enrolled members can contact the 'Doctor on Call' by calling the clinic appointment line at 228-2778 (APPT) or the answering service number at 570-7080.

"Calling the 'Doctor on Call' does not mean you or your family member won't get to see a doctor after normal duty hours," Colonel Spencer said. "Rather, it will ensure you get the right advice, get the right care, at the right time and location."

Contacting the 'Doctor on call' will help limit unnecessary emergency room visits.

"Most conditions seen in emergency rooms are not emergencies," Colonel Clark said. We reviewed our emergency room visits for appropriateness of the visit and the majority of these

visits are non-emergent. These are common maladies that can be treated at home and be seen in clinic the following day."

In addition, according to Colonel Clark, ER care is very expensive and often fragmented.

"There is commonly a three to four hour wait for non-emergent care," Colonel Clark said. By calling the 'Doctor on Call,' people can get medical advice to avoid these waits as well as coordinate care with their PCM efficiently and in a cost effective manner.

In other words, only if an individual has a true medical emergency should they go to an emergency room.

"The guidelines used by most large insurers when deciding whether to pay a claim for an ER visit are based on the prudent layperson principle," Colonel Clark said. "(It) essentially states that if someone has a condition they reasonably expect could re-

sult in the loss of life, limb, eyesight or result in significant disability they should go to the ER. Conditions that do not fall into the above category that also would be appropriate are obvious fractured bones or lacerations that may need suturing."

However, Colonel Clark warns there are no hard and fast rules for emergency care.

A good rule of thumb might be to ask if they would be willing to pay for the ER visit themselves, he said. "If the answer is yes then (they should) let their conscience be their guide because under current TRICARE guidelines, this is a real possibility if the visit is felt to be inappropriate."

"Above all, our medical group is dedicated to assisting you in any of your medical concerns," Colonel Spencer said. "They wish to provide the best medical care possible to you and your families."

Preventing a child's pain through knowledge

Child Abuse Prevention month aims to reduce death, injury in kids through awareness, action

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

One child dies in the United States every four hours.

According to a Child Protective Services pamphlet, it is estimated that between 2,000 and 5,000 children die each year due to physical abuse or neglect.

Children who witness violence between parents or who are abused are 1,000 percent more likely to become batterers when they grow up, said Marley Smith, 355th MDOS Family Advocacy outreach manager. "Preventing child abuse makes for healthier families and better communities."

In an effort to combat these statistics, April is dedicated as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"National Child Abuse Prevention Month was created to focus us all on the needs of our own children, those in our communities and in our nation," said Shannon Padilla, 355th Medical Operations Squadron family advocacy nurse. "Through education and community effort we, as a nation,

can all play a part in keeping our children safe so that they grow into healthy, happy adults."

"It's a reminder to each of us that the prevention of child abuse must begin as a personal priority and commitment," Mr. Smith said. "The month gives each of us individually and all of us together the opportunity to promote the best for optimal childhood. The goal is that our homes and communities nurture the healthy development of children. The best way to prevent child abuse is to build healthy families, which involves collective competence and shared responsibility between families and the community."

In honor of the month, the base is scheduled to sponsor various programs including:

◆ Blue Ribbon Campaign

◆ Videos about child abuse shown every Friday at noon in the Mental Health Flight conference room.

Today's video is "Response to Child Sexual Abuse: The Clinical Interview," April 22 is "Hidden Shame," and April 29 is "Single Parenting."

◆ Silent Witness Silhouettes – Silhouettes of child abuse murder victims with their biographies attached will be placed at eight different locations on Davis-Monthan throughout the month until April 29.

"The story on each silhouette personalizes the victim and forces the reader to take that story with them and think about it," Mr. Smith said. "It has a

very powerful effect on those who walk by and read the stories. It makes it impossible to think of child abuse as something that should occur in today's society."

◆ Class for Parents – Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. Child Development Services, "Anger Management Strategies for Children," by Michelle McLoughlin and Nancy Williams, Family Advocacy Treatment managers will be offered.

◆ Family Day in the Park – April 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The FAP and 355th Security Forces Squadron will give Ident-a-Child Kits to parents, including the fingerprinting of the child.

Child Protective Services will also distribute booklets about child abuse, reporting suspected abuse and how to prevent abuse to commanders, first sergeants and D-M's mental health staff.

"The majority of active-duty military at D-M are married and in the childbearing age range," Mr. Smith said. "Preventing child abuse in these families makes for better Airmen and future generations of Airmen. Airmen with healthy, stable families are better able to support mission readiness."

To report child abuse or to find out more information on how to get help, call 1-888-767-2445.

For more information on any of the programs sponsored on-base, contact the Family Advocacy Office at 228-2104.

CRIME & Punishment

The following are some of the incidents the 355th Security Forces Squadron handled from March 18 through March 31.

Civil Arrest military

Pima County Jail telephoned the Security Forces Control Center and stated an airman was arrested for domestic violence and criminal damage.

Patrol response: civilian driving under the influence

The 355th Security Forces installation gate guards reported to the SFCC that due to suspected DUI, they had stopped a civilian who was attempting to access the base. Investigation revealed the subject displayed slurred speech, bloodshot eyes and strong odor of alcohol. The TPD was contacted. The subject refused to perform a field sobriety test but did allow a breath analysis. The subject's BAC result was .188. The TPD arrested the subject and transported him to Pima County Jail.

Patrol response: failure to obey and drunk while on duty

A senior airman was apprehended for suspicion of reporting to work under the influence of alcohol. Investigation revealed the subject had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage and was witnessed to be vomiting. The airman refused to make a statement. Investigation is on-going.

Patrol response: larceny

A technical sergeant on temporary duty assignment reported jewelry was stolen from her billeting room. Investigation is on-going.

Patrol response: military driving under the influence

A senior airman was stopped by installation security guards at the Craycroft Road Gate for suspected DUI. Security forces conducted a breath analysis on the airman, which resulted in a .131 blood alcohol concentration. The subject was charged and issued a Notice of Suspension of Base Driving Privileges.

Patrol response: multiple violations

Security forces attempted to stop a civilian contractor for speeding. The contractor failed to heed warnings to stop. The subjects attempted to elude security forces. The security forces patrols were successful in stopping the vehicle. Investigation revealed the contractor was operating the vehicle with a suspended license and had two outstanding warrants. Search of the vehicle resulted in the finding of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The TPD responded and arrested the subject and transported him to Pima County Jail.

Patrol response: narcotics seizure

Installation security guards notified the SFCC they had stopped a civilian at the Craycroft Road Gate for suspected narcotics use. Investigation and

subsequent vehicle search revealed the subjects had drug paraphernalia and marijuana in their possession.

Patrol response: theft of property

An airman reported to the SFCC that property was stolen from his dormitory room. Investigation revealed the airman left his room unsecured and upon his return discovered approximately \$1,300 of property was missing.

Patrol response: shoplifting

An Army and Air Force Exchange Services detective reported a dependent spouse and a civilian were detained for shoplifting. Investigation revealed the subjects attempted to depart the Main Exchange with a satellite radio receiver, three handbags, six DVDs, four CDs and three game console video games without rendering payment. The TPD responded and arrested the subjects. The dependent's spouse was issued an AAFES Suspension Letter.

Patrol response: Vandalism of government property

A civilian employee reported malicious damage to quarters on Thunderbird Drive. Damage was to the front door and car port rails. Investigation is on-going.

A civilian employee reported damage to the golf course and a golf cart. Investigation is on-going.

F/A-22 — more than just another Air Force plane

By Master Sgt. Mark Haviland

Air Combat Command Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) — To Air Force people who do not fly or maintain aircraft, the oft-repeated characteristics of the F/A-22: “stealth, supercruise, agility, integrated avionics and supportability” probably mean about as much as “independent front suspension” and “aluminum alloy heads” mean to someone who is not really into cars.

Not much.

“So what,” they might argue, “I’m just a (fill in duty title of choice). The F/A-22 is not going to affect *me* or how I do *my* job.”

But they would be wrong — dead wrong — and what the “meanest, baddest bird on the planet” contributes to the lives of each of America’s warfighters, whether they are Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen or Marines can be summed up in one word.

Survivability — it is the “me” factor of the F/A-22 program. It is also a priceless commodity that the Air Force’s “legacy” fighters — the F-15 and F-16 — will be less likely to provide in future conflict, according to senior leaders.

“I get a lot of comments on the F/A-22,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. “Mostly they say, ‘You know General, you guys are so good. The Iraqi Air Force threw its arms up and quit the first day of the war. They didn’t even fly a single sortie. What’s the problem?’”

In response to that kind of questioning, the general often refers to two axioms: first, that you shouldn’t fight the last war; and that people who don’t remember history are doomed to repeat it.

Though the Air Force has enjoyed some widely-publicized successes in the Balkans, Middle East and Afghanistan during the last decade and a half, people like Mr. Steve Dunn, a former weapons-system officer who now serves as an air-threat analyst for Air Combat Command, say that swift, one-sided victories against enemies who have not upgraded their arsenals for the last 15 years are not certainties in future conflicts.

“We’ve spent the last decade fighting an enemy in the Middle East that has tended to anchor our thoughts about what we need in the future,” Mr. Dunn said. “If we use that as a lesson for the future, we’re making a big mistake.”

That potential mistake is poised to manifest itself in the form of next-generation fighter aircraft and inte-



Courtesy photo

OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN — An F-15 Eagle banks left while an F/A-22 Raptor flies in formation en route to a training area off the coastline of Virginia April 5.

grated air defense systems that, Mr. Dunn explained, are already or will soon be available to governments willing to pay the price.

“You might have a starving population,” Mr. Dunn said, “but you can pick up some advanced fighters.”

Those “advanced fighters” include the latest Russian Sukhoi-series fighters and a handful of European-built aircraft that are all rolling off of the showroom floor with features that put them on par with, or ahead of, Air Force legacy aircraft.

“From time to time, we get our hands on these airplanes (the Russian Sukhoi-series) and we put our very best pilots in them up against our very best pilots from the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the Air Force flying our own F-15s, F-14s, F-18s and F-16s,” General Jumper said. “The fact is that our guys flying their airplanes beat our guys flying our airplanes every single time.”

Complementing those next-generation aircraft is what Mr. Dunn refers to as an “emerging revolution in air-defense capability” — highly-mobile and fully-automated detection and surface-to-air missile systems.

“It’s (the air-defense revolution) already started,” Mr. Dunn said.

To illustrate his point, Mr. Dunn pointed out that systems already on the market have the ability to engage as many as six different targets (old systems could only engage one) and that maximum engagement ranges have increased from 25 nautical miles in legacy systems to 100 nautical miles in modern systems.

In a future threat environment, Mr. Dunn predicted, state-of-the-art aircraft linked with equally advanced radar systems and surface-to-air missiles will present a fully-integrated, overlapping and redundant air defense — a more than formidable challenge for America’s legacy aircraft.

For senior leaders like General Jumper — people who know the fickle nature of economics and politics make advanced technology ripe for proliferation — knowing where those challenges will materialize is not nearly as important as being prepared to face and defeat them.

Between the two seemingly opposed axioms there is, General Jumper said, a “tightrope” between “jumping to tactical conclusions too quickly” and taking the time-tested lessons of air power into the future.

One of those time-tested lessons is the concept of “air superiority.” Air superiority is the concept of controlling the airspace over the battlefield so that air, land and sea forces can conduct operations without interference from enemy forces.

In the history of American military aviation, it is a concept so fundamental to the application of airpower that retired Gen. William Momyer, a former commander of Tactical Air Command, characterized it as “...the most important contest of all, for no other operations can be sustained if this battle is lost.”

In General Momyer’s three-and-one-half decades of service, he saw the machines and doctrine of airpower evolve from massed bomber

formations over Europe to the fast-moving war of jets and surface-to-air missiles over Southeast Asia. Though he retired from the Air Force long before Operations Desert Storm or Allied Force, the observations he recorded in his 1978 book, “Airpower in Three Wars” can seem almost prophetic today.

“Our experiences suggest that superiority in equipment and superiority in tactics must be viewed as two elusive goals to be constantly pursued,” the general wrote. “We are not apt to have marked superiority in both equipment and tactics for an extended period; neither side is likely to corner the market on ingenuity for long.”

Ironically, General Momyer recorded those words three years after the F-15 Eagle entered active service — and almost 30 years later it is still America’s frontline fighter.

“Not since Orville and Wilbur flew in December of 1903 have we operated an Air Force this old,” said Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force vice chief of staff and the man who commanded the air war in Iraq last year.

In the aftermath of Operations Desert Storm, Allied Force and Iraqi Freedom, Air Force leaders no longer talk about air superiority; instead, they often refer to “Air Dominance.”

The change is more than just semantics; it is an evolution of doctrine.

“...It’s different from the old concept of air superiority where we kept the skies clear of things that might drop bombs on our Soldiers, Airmen and Marines on the ground,” explains General Jumper. “It’s this notion of dominance that allows us first to get into the place we’re trying to go to — to kick down the door or be part of kicking down the door — and allows us to operate at the times and places of our choosing.”

Air dominance, as the words imply, is not about facing the enemy on equal terms; not about the massed formations of World War II that cost so much in men and machines; not about dodging missiles over the jungles of Southeast Asia; not about surrendering a technological advantage and then struggling to take it back again.

By getting to the target faster and undetected; by staying longer; by getting that first shot; by gathering and sharing information in real time with other combatants; and by being more reliable and easier to maintain, dominance is sending fewer people in harm’s way and making sure those who go are safer than ever before.

It is the “me” factor.

Education abroad

Deployed Airmen work to earn higher education

By Maj. Jerry Lobb

386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

FORWARD-DEPLOYED LOCATION, Iraq — Armored Humvees roll in and out of Iraq, several times a day escorting supply convoys. However, on March 17 Humvees brought a unique passenger and cargo to this remote outpost in the Iraqi desert.

Stepping out of the Humvee was Staff Sgt. Alan Smith, 386th Air Expeditionary wing test control officer deployed from Davis-Monthan. His cargo was a box full of College Level Examination Program and Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support test booklets.

The Airmen assigned to this camp are working and living in one of the most austere “bases” within the Iraqi theater. The base is a temporary internment facility for detainees awaiting due process under the new Iraqi government.

Senior Airman Danielle Keene, a member of the 586th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron here, said just having the tests available was “exciting.” Airman Keene, who is deployed here from the 10th Security Forces Squadron at the Air Force Academy, took a test for college credit in algebra.

“There isn’t a lot to do here, so being able to take the test was a real positive,” she said.

A sergeant echoed Airman Keene’s comment.

“Work is pretty much all we do here, so testing was a nice change of pace and a real boost for morale,” said Staff Sgt. Wayne Griggs, deployed here from the 18th SFS, Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Sergeant Smith said he was surprised by the level of interest shown by the Airmen.

“With the long hours these troops work, and considering how difficult it is to move around the camp, I was amazed to have people standing in line and hoping for a no-show just so they could take the test.” He said one Airman arranged for relief at his post and showed up at each of the four sessions wearing body armor and carrying his weapon and helmet.

“People were asking me when I was going to come back so they could plan what tests they were going to take next,” Sergeant Smith said.

“This was my first time testing like this for college credit,” said Senior Airman Alynthia Washington who is deployed here from the 37th SFS, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

She said she only wished for a bit more notice and better access to preparation materials before her next opportunity to earn additional credits.

The idea to provide testing for the Airmen came from the unit’s first sergeant, Master Sgt. Sam Hankins, a member of Lackland’s 37th Communica-



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Alan Smith (right), 386th Air Expeditionary Wing test control officer, deployed from D-M, administers a CLEP test for Senior Airman Alynthia Washington who is deployed from the 37th Security Forces Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

tions Squadron. He coordinated the process with Col. Fred Fairhurst, 386th Mission Support Group deputy commander, who made the arrangements with Sergeant Smith.

More than 200 Airmen and Soldiers signed up initially, Colonel Fairhurst said. As a result of the overwhelming response, he looks forward to providing the Airmen here regular testing opportunities in the future.

A tribute to maintainers

Lt. Col. Neal Robinson

355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander

I am honored and thrilled to be part of the Air Force's finest maintainers; the professionals of the 355th Maintenance Group. We represent more than 70,000 maintenance leaders and technicians Air Force-wide.

The ability of the United States Air Force to project airpower worldwide does not wholly depend on sophisticated aircraft, missiles and satellites but largely on the dedication and ingenuity of our people.

D-M maintainers and their families are a continuation of an enduring legacy of leadership and service to our nation. The successful execution of the mission by Desert Lightning maintainers is an illustration of a warrior ethos fueled by perseverance, teamwork and professionalism supported with deep roots from the past.

Dec. 17, 1903, on the wind-swept beaches of Kill Devil Hills, N. C., Wilbur and Orville Wright accomplished what man had attempted for centuries ... they flew. There were four flights that day. On the last sortie of the day, a stiff wind caught the left wing of the fragile craft and caused Orville to make abrupt adjustments.

The front elevator frame was broken on landing at the end of the fourth flight. While history acknowledges that their first four flights marked the dawn of modern air travel and the eventual evolution of the aircraft as a military weapon, it does not highlight the inseparable bond, cemented on that day, between the maintenance technician and the operator. The first pilot of a heavier-than-air flying machine was also the first maintainer who fixed the broken frame.

As the airplane developed in complexity, man began to experiment with its utility for military purposes. We improved the designs, added machine guns, bombs and navigation equipment.

Advances in aircraft performance and lethality required personnel specially trained to main-

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Lt. Col. Neal Robinson,
355th Aircraft Maintenance
Squadron commander

tain them. Aircraft maintenance career fields were born out of these innovations: they were simply known as mechanics, armorers and radio repairmen. Now we know these professionals as aircraft maintenance and munitions-missile maintenance Airmen. The ability of these specialists to maintain the equipment in the highest state of readiness, in all environmental conditions, was the principal reason for the highly successful application of airpower in world events.

The Berlin Airlift was sustained for over a year. American aircraft mechanics worked shoulder-to-shoulder with German mechanics to pull off Operation Vittles. Maintenance crews worked with other ground crewmen to achieve a 15-minute turnaround time for the transports. The United States delivered more than 1.78 million tons of fuel, food and medicine to Berlin with more than 200,000 flights.

The Cold War was an era where mutually assured destruction guided national military strategies. Perhaps, as a nation, we realized our greatest fear, and arguably our most difficult challenge, when the Cold War reached its freez-

ing point. For 12 days in October 1962, America stood at the brink of nuclear war. As the world held its breath, our Air Force stood "toe-to-toe" with the Soviets during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Again, maintainers performed magnificently.

Within hours, aircraft maintainers brought the Strategic Air Command airborne force, more than 2,300 bombers and tankers, to full combat alert. As a result, the Soviets flinched, we did not.

In Vietnam, when F-4 Phantoms went up; MiGs went down in flames. The F-105 Thunderchief flew fast and low in the valley of Thud Ridge. Pilots ran the gauntlet through murderous anti-aircraft fire to deliver a heavy load of bombs on Hanoi. It was a war where ammo troops were "kings of the hill." Munitions personnel operated out of places called Udorn, Takhli and Korat. The bombs and bullets they produced supported successful operations like Bolo and Linebacker II.

Like the professionals before them, D-M maintainers enable the Desert Lightning team to maintain long-term fleet health of each weapons system and generate sorties in support of the myriad of missions we conduct daily. The 355th MXG has led the Combat Air Forces in A-10 maintenance statistics for the past few months. History will remember our contributions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Without us, D-M will not successfully meet its mission.

As the United States boldly faces the challenges of the future, the Air Force will bridge the gap for our nation. Our maintenance Airmen will carry out their duty with professionalism, dedication and integrity.

Agile, lean and lethal airpower and outstanding maintenance are inseparable. Our nation demands it and we deliver. Through the strength of our maintainers, the United States Air Force will be more capable than ever before to execute its mission.

We will continue to live up to the songwriter's proclamation: "Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!"

Final Answer ————— What would you like to achieve before leaving the Air Force?



**Staff Sgt.
Patrick Curtis**
355th Comptroller
Squadron

"I want to get my Bachelor of Science in accounting before I leave the Air Force."



**Senior Airman
Richard Bartlett**
355th Equipment
Maintenance Squadron

"I want to take advantage of all opportunities that have been given to me through the Air Force."



**Tech. Sgt.
John Lampman**
755th Operations
Support Squadron

"I want to finish my bachelor's degree, have a good family support structure in place, make some long-term friends throughout my Air Force career and look forward to a successful retirement."



**Sergeant
Steve Ingram**
2222nd Transportation
Company,
Arizona Army
National Guard

"My goal right now is to just reach retirement."



**Staff Sgt.
Jessica Jolin**
355th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

"I hope to get my master's degree before I leave the Air Force."



**Tech. Sgt.
Tim Ryan**
563rd Rescue
Group

"I hope to make master sergeant before I leave."

(Editors note: Next week's Final Answer question is: **"What is the best assignment you've had in the Air Force and why?"** If you would like to submit an answer for an upcoming edition of the Final Answer column, or if you would like to give new ideas and suggestions for the Final Answer column, contact the Desert Airman staff at desert.airman@dm.af.mil or Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle at 228-5092. Volunteers who submit answers must be available to take a picture during the same week.)

Airmen bowl strikes with kids to raise money

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Tucson chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters is hosting a fund-raiser to raise money for the Tucson chapter of the organization.

"Funds raised go directly toward matching children with carefully screened, caring Big Brother and Big Sister volunteers," said Annette Flannery, environmental protection assistant, 355th Civil Engineering Squadron and big sister with the Tucson chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"Bowl for Kids Sake is Big Brothers Big Sisters largest national fund-raiser campaign. For more than 20 years, Bowl for Kids' Sake has been a primary fund-raising event for many agencies," Ms Flannery said.

"I have been a Big Sister for nearly two years and the Bowl-For-Kids event is an annual event put on by the local Tucson Big Brothers Big Sisters organization," said Ms. Flannery.

While the program is designed for mentors and their little brother or sister to have fun, it has a serious purpose in mind.

"This is a national program providing one-on-one mentorship with children of all backgrounds," Ms. Flannery said. "Research consistently demonstrates that Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring helps at-risk youth overcome the many challenges they face. Youth involved in the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs are:

- ◆ 46 percent less likely to use illegal drugs,
- ◆ 27 percent less likely to begin using alcohol,
- ◆ 52 percent less likely to skip school,
- ◆ more confident in their performance in school,
- ◆ one third less likely to hit someone and
- ◆ more trusting of their parents/guardians."

"It is important because most of these children may not have both parents to help mentor them and it's a great way for the child to spend time with someone and have one-on-one time," Ms. Flannery said.

"My 'Little' has five siblings and rarely gets one-on-one time with an adult, Ms. Flannery said.

The program can also be gratifying for the volunteer big brother or big sister.

"For me, it is a great program because my 'Little' is a wonderful person and I get to go out

and do fun things with her, whether it's goofing around at the mall or helping her with her homework," Ms. Flannery said.

The program is also in need of volunteers.

"The program is short on male (volunteers) and there are many boys waiting for a mentor," Ms. Flannery said.

Big Brother Big Sister only requires two to four hours of time a week and activities can be as simple as playing one-on-one basketball or helping with homework tasks.

"A Web site has been set up for each participant," Ms. Flannery said. The Web site explains the program and also accepts credit card and check donations from anyone who wants to donate.

"You can contact the BB/BS program by calling (520) 624-2447 or visit the Web site www.tucsonbig.org," Ms. Flannery said.

Anyone interested in donating to Bowl for Kids' Sake can visit [http://bfkstucson.kintera.org/faf/home/default .asp?ievent=89685](http://bfkstucson.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=89685).

Bowl for Kids' Sake takes place at Lucky Strike Bowl on Speedway Boulevard today through Sunday, Ms. Flannery said.

Would you like to share your stories from deployment?

Any Airman interested in sharing stories with the Desert Lightning community of their recent deployments can contact Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle at 228-5092. Airmen can also contact the Desert Airman staff through e-mail at desert.airman@dm.af.mil.



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Staff Sgt. Manny Buelna of the 355th Operations Support Squadron. Sergeant Buelna is the NCO in charge of targets with the intelligence flight. According to his supervisor, Captain Bart Bonar, 355th OSS Intelligence Flight commander, Sergeant Buelna was nominated for the spotlight because he, "consistently performs at the highest level performing many squadron and group-level functions and intelligence duties while continuing outstanding self-improvement by obtaining his bachelor's degree and private pilot's license. This was all while 75 percent of his flight was deployed."

The following are Sergeant Buelna's responses to a variety of questions.

What are your career goals? To go to Officer Training School and be an Air Force pilot.

If you were the base commander, what would you change? I would add an Aero Club to the base to facilitate and encourage private pilots and non-flyers to explore the world of flying.

What do you like best about D-M: The thing I like best about D-M



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

is all of the quality of life improvements.

What has been your best assignment and why: Offutt Air Force Base because that is where I met my wife.

Where is your favorite place to go in Tucson? My Mom's house ... she has the tastiest and cheapest Mexican food in town.

VITA volunteers receive thanks

As of April 8, individuals from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance office had worked to assist 2,766 Airmen, dependents and retirees from the D-M community with their 2004 taxes. The following are a list of those volunteers:

Bob Agney,	Herb Niehaus,	Margaret Saito,
Janet Agney,	Linda Paul,	Jack Sanders,
Dave Barclay,	Jack Pollin,	Chuck Smith,
Skip Barclay,	Tom Ranklin,	Mary Pat
Louise Bennett,	Bob Ratledge,	Sullivan,
Gary Binam,	Molly Reilly,	Jim Toscano and
Hue Blair,	Cheri Roy,	Bill Wells.
Jim Blaylock,		
Kirk Carpenter,		
Arnella		

Corrigan,
Monte Crook,
Virginia Crook,
Armen Derman,
Becky Dylla,
Barbara Evans,
Glan Geisert,
Ray Griffith,
Alma Haywood,
Ron Heise,
Guy Hummon,
Marcus Johnson,
Carole Kelly,
Leonard

Levandowski,
Neal MacArtor,



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Barbara Evans (right), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance office volunteer, helps retired Master Sgt. Michael Shadwick with his taxes.

Horsin' around on D-M



(Above) Master Sgt. Bill Frisby, 755th Operations Support Squadron, performs the chore of cleaning his horses' corrales.

(Left) Elizabeth David, president of the D-M saddle club, grooms her horse, Dakota.



(Above) Elizabeth David, president of the D-M Saddle Club, prepares hay. Hay comes in bales which are made of several flakes to make feeding horses easier.

(Right) Elizabeth David, president of the D-M Saddle Club, dumps water out of her horses' drinking container as she prepares to clean it with water and vinegar.

**Story and photos by
Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs**

Horses live on Davis-Monthan too. The D-M Saddle Club is located at the end of Yuma Street, past the Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Center, across from the firing range.

The club has many facilities available to anyone who wishes to board a horse at D-M, though they do not

offer horse rentals, said Elizabeth David, president of the club.

"The club offers all the necessary boarding and training facilities for horses including round pens, dressage area, jumping course, enclosed arena and open trails," Mrs. David said.

Club members are also obligated to care for the facility, Mrs. David said.

Anyone interested in joining the D-M Saddle Club can call 228-8413.



A closer look at aircraft from '40s

By 1st Lt.

Tony Wickman

*Alaskan Command
Public Affairs*

Across

1. Dr.'s org.
4. Small amount
7. _ _ _ of faith
12. _ Tin Tin
13. African country
14. Bee's goal
16. Movie magic with computers, in short
17. Snack cookie
18. Best player
19. North American P-51D _ _ _
22. Sick
23. Owns
24. Tennis player Kournikova
25. Bandanna
27. Write
29. Caper
31. Sobs
32. _ Tai; tropical drink
33. Entrances
34. Continent
37. Old form of you
41. Turner org.
42. Bridge
43. Underway
44. Subscriber
46. Foreclosures
47. British aircraft Gloster _ _ _
50. Scar
51. Between
52. Deceive
54. Poet Pound
58. Earth
59. Fieseler FI 156C-1 _ _ _
61. Snakelike fish
62. Bread
63. U.S. Douglas A-20 _ _ _
64. Cell part, in short
65. Big _ _ , Calif.
66. Stadiums
67. USAF commissioning source

Down

1. Circle part
2. 1940s Russian aircraft maker, in short
3. *Finding Nemo* film category

4. Tooth concern
5. _ _ _ mean fighting ...
6. Singer Warwick
7. Psychologist's org.
8. Computer laugh?
9. Building extension
10. South American camel
11. Statement ender
13. AFSC Army equivalent
15. Actor Nick
20. R&B singer
21. Fuel
23. Native American tribe
25. Auto club
26. British Supermarine _ _ _
27. Australian rock group
28. CIA precursor
30. Nashville music org.
34. Mock
35. _ _ Diego
36. Football stat



(Solutions for this puzzle are on page 26.)

38. Garden tool
39. Long time
40. Time until out of mil. service
42. Formal greeting
43. Pie _ _ _ mode
44. Middle
45. Timber
47. Angry
48. Sultans
49. Japanese Kawasaki Ki-45 _ _
50. Islamic holy place
52. Cherish
53. _ _ _ out; smooth over
55. Japanese Mitsubishi A6M
56. Lease, as in an apartment
57. Unfortunately
59. _ _ Na Na
60. Roofing need



Photo by Thomas Powell

D-M responds to contest

Congratulations to the following individual who was selected as the winner of the March 25 Photo Caption Contest.

Davis-Monthan's Burger King unveils their new 'Airman-Sized' play area.

Senior Airman Michael Williamson
25th Operational Weather Squadron

Sidewinders extend welcoming hand to military community

By Stephanie Ritter

355th Wing Public Affairs

Today is the home opener for Tucson's Triple A Baseball Team, the Sidewinders.

For the 2005 season, the Sidewinders are stepping up their efforts to welcome the military community out to the ball field.

"Last fall, we decided to work on different ways to tie Davis-Monthan with the Sidewinders in order to provide Airmen and their families with a variety of special activities," said Rick Parr, Sidewinders general manager.

"The programs we have designed this year are one way we can salute all of the military branches and their families," said Jay Zucker, owner of the Sidewinders.



Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Included in the specials offered to the military community is a special program offered during each Sunday home game.

The event allows all military personnel to come to home games on Sundays for \$1 per person, Mr. Parr said. "Military personnel have the opportunity to buy enough tickets at \$1 a piece for their family or as many general admission tickets as they would like."

During the Sunday home games, attendees can also take advantage of \$1 hot dogs.

As a member of the DM-50 and honorary commander of the 563rd Maintenance Squadron, Mr. Zucker said he hopes the Sunday events will show the military community just how much the team supports all they do.

"They are out there putting their lives on the line for us so this is our chance to give a little something back to them," Mr. Zucker said.

As one of the minor league teams for the Arizona Diamondbacks, the 2001 World Series winners over the New York Yankees, the Sidewinders will also offer promotions in addition to those on Sundays.

Attendees can enjoy two-for-one margaritas during Monday night home games; dollar lemonade, beer and soft drinks for two hours after the first pitch during Tuesday night home games; fireworks displays after Friday night games and more.

Today's game is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. with an A-10 fly-over. In addition, a local teenage band called Night Owl will perform before and after the game. One hour prior to the first pitch, attendees can receive two-for-one beers and a fireworks display will conclude the event.

For more information, call 434-1307 or visit www.tucsonsidewinders.com.

During a visit to the base in February, several Tucson Sidewinder players take a few minutes to sign autographs for Airmen at Davis-Monthan.

Sports Shorts

Harlem Ambassadors to visit D-M

The internationally-acclaimed Harlem Ambassadors "Around the World" Tour covering Europe, Asia and North America will include a stop at Davis-Monthan for a game at the D-M Sports and Fitness Center April 23 at 5 p.m. The Sports and Fitness Center will close for normal use at 2 p.m. for the event. However, the Haeffner Fitness Center will open from 2 to 8 p.m. instead.

The Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show features high-flying slam dunks, complicated ball-handling and comedy routines. The Ambassadors do not present a choreographed show but deal with opponents who do not know what will happen next to create improvisation humor. Tickets for this event will be available at the

Sports and Fitness Center and the Information, Tickets and Tour Office after today. There is a limit of five tickets per person. For more information, call 228-0022 or 228-3700.

Spring Golf Scramble

The D-M 1st Sergeants Council will sponsor the 7th Annual Spring Golf Scramble May 13 at Blanchard Golf Course. All proceeds will go to the military community. The event will have an 8 a.m. Shotgun Start with a four person scramble from the white tees. The cost of \$35 per person includes green fees, a cart and drinks. Mulligans are two for \$5. Players can win a car for a hole-in-one on number 15 as well as prizes for closest-to-the-pin and for longest drive. To sign up, contact Master Sgt. Steve Flatt at 228-3283 or steven.flatt@dm.af.mil.

Fitness Center Classes

The following are classes offered at the Fitness and Sports Center and Haeffner Fitness Center. When applicable, class fees are listed. (* See instructor for fee information.) For more information regarding the classes, call 228-0021.

Monday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Abdominal Class - Fitness Center
9 to 10 a.m. - Medium Intensity Water - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Step and Sculpting - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - FC *
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC *
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - FC

Tuesday

8 to 8:45 a.m. - High Intensity Water - FC
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month - FC

Wednesday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Abdominal Class - Haeffner
9 to 10 a.m. - Medium Intensity Water - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - FC *
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC *
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 yrs plus) - FC *

Thursday

8 to 8:45 a.m. - High Intensity Water - FC
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - FC

Friday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Abdominal Class - FC
9 to 10 a.m. - Medium Intensity Water - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Step and Sculpting - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and yellow belt) - FC *
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) - FC *
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 yrs plus) - FC *

Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC

Sunday

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Toning Class - \$2 - FC

Fitness and Sports Center Pool

The indoor pool is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 228-0015.

Outdoor Recreational Pool

The Outdoor Recreational Pool is scheduled to be closed until April 30. For more information, call the indoor pool at 228-0015.

Sports Shorts

Searching for athletes

The Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers is looking for members from all branches who hold a reserve commission to participate in a three-week long advanced military skills course that culminates in a world-wide North Atlantic Treaty Organization competition in Belgium. The next three-week training cycle, run by the U.S. Army Reserve Command, will take place at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from June 23 to July 16. Up to 50 reserve officers and cadets who apply by today (the application deadline) will be invited to attend by a joint-service selection committee April 22. Participants are trained at highly advanced levels in map reading and land navigation; rifle and pistol marksmanship; and land and water confidence courses to return to their units as resident expert instructors. Participants also receive training in leadership development, NATO policies including the Laws of Armed Conflict, combat first aid and selected fitness and nutrition topics developed by the Army Physical Fitness School. At the completion of the training, selected top performers will be invited to test their skills against their peers from 19 NATO countries in a four-day military competition in Eupen, Belgium Aug. 3 through 6. This is a challenging tour and the ability to meet the standards as listed on the Web site www.uscior.army.mil is the

pre-qualifier. For more information, visit the above Web site or call (210) 221-1206.

Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run

There is a Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run event Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. There is no cost and youth ages 7 to 14 years can test their skills for pitching, hitting and running the bases. For more information and the location, call 228-8844.

Changes to sports events

The Marine Corps, the host of the 2005 Armed Forces Golf Championship, had to change the dates of the championship. The Armed Forces Championship is now Sept. 18 to 24 and the Air Force Championship is Sept. 10 to 17. The dates for the Women's Soccer matches have also been moved with the Air Force Trial Camp now April 19 through May 5 and the Armed Forces Championship now May 6 to 13. For more information, visit <https://wwwmil.acc.af.mil/sv/>.

Archery Clinic

Starting Tuesday, there will be an archery clinic every Tuesday from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. until May 16. The cost for the clinic is \$20 per person. Space is limited so those who are interested are encouraged to sign up soon. For more information, or to sign up, call 228-8373.

Cochise Stronghold hike

Cochise Stronghold is located in Arizona's

Dragoon Mountains. This six mile hike through woodland areas is May 28. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and a guide. Those interested should sign up by May 26. For more information, call 228-3736.

Hook Up 2 Bowling

The D-M Lanes is now taking sign ups for the new 'Hook Up 2 Bowling' program. This is a new player development program that will make learning the game simpler, fun and affordable. Classes are scheduled to begin June 1. Certified bowling instructors will teach participants etiquette, terminology and bowling fundamentals. The cost of \$99 for adults and \$69 for youth under the age of 18 years includes eight hours instruction and on-the lanes lessons. There will be a free orientation before each clinic so participants can learn more about the program. They will also receive a free how-to-bowl booklet, tour of the D-M lanes and will get to meet with other participants. Everyone who completes the program will receive a towel, bowling ball and bag. For more information, call 228-3461.

Trip to Waterworld water park

The D-M community is invited to take a safari to Waterworld June 18, where explorers of every age can find a variety of fun on more than 25 acres. The cost of \$20 includes transportation. Those interested should sign up by June 16. For more information, call 228-3736.

Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is also at 11:15 a.m. but at Desert Dove Chapel.

Prayer Wall

The Base Chapel offers a Prayer Wall in the Desert Dove Chapel which displays pictures and names of deployed Airmen. To submit a name and picture for the Prayer Wall, contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Timothy Sturgill at 228-5411 or send an e-mail to timothy.sturgill@dm.af.mil. Members of the D-M community who wish to pray for these deployed Airmen are invited to stop by the Desert Dove Chapel.

Education Services

Military Pennsylvania residents

The Armed Forces Loan Forgiveness Program was created to recognize the bravery, dedication and loyalty of servicemen and women who served in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the nation. This program will provide a one-time loan forgiveness benefit up to \$2,500 for student borrowers who served in the Armed Forces in an active-duty status between Sept. 11, 2001 and June 30, 2005. Applicants must hold one of four connections to Pennsylvania:

- ◆ Currently a resident,
- ◆ A non-resident who left a Pennsylvania approved institution of postsecondary education due to a call to active duty,
- ◆ A non-resident who was living in Pennsylvania at the time of enlistment or
- ◆ A non-resident who enlisted in the military immediately after attending a Pennsylvania approved institution of postsecondary education.

Applications and additional eligibility requirements are at www.aessuccess.org/manage/cant_make_payment/alfp_app.pdf.

Civilian Tuition Assistance

Due to an immediate change in civilian Tuition Assistance, requests by Air Combat Command civilian employees for TA will be reviewed and approved by the Base Training and Education Services flight chief. Courses must be duty or mission related. In those cases

where a clear determination cannot be made, the employee must provide from their commander or supervisor, in writing, a memorandum explicitly outlining and justifying how the course is duty or mission related. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

Military spouse center

A new Military Spouse Career Center Web site, commissioned by the Department of Defense Office of Military Community and Family Policy, has launched at www.Military.com/spouse. The new resource connects military spouses with education options, scholarships, training programs, employment opportunities and more.

Basic Officer Training

The BOT non-technical applicants quota for Fiscal 2006 is 29. If more applicants are selected, they will come from the Fiscal 2007 quotas. Selectees will not attend a BOT class until the end of Fiscal 2006. Quotas for Fiscal 2007 are not available at the present time. For more information, contact Norma White at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

NAU sends representative

A representative from Northern Arizona University will be available Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243. Appointments and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 879-7900 or contact Debra Castelan at 879-7932 or Debra.Castelan@nau.edu.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation Counseling

This class will take place at the Family Support Center April 20 and 26 from 9 to 10 a.m. This is mandatory for military members and will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating or retiring. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Time for Tots

The next Time for Tots will be held Wednesday April 27 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

Welcome Home Banners

Those with spouses getting ready to return from deployments are invited to join the Hearts Apart group Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Hope Chapel to make a welcome home banner. All supplies are furnished. Pizza and refreshments will also be included but participants must be registered with Hearts Apart and must make reservations to attend. To register or to make reservations no later than Tuesday, call 228-5690.

Veteran's Affairs Claims Brief

A Veteran's Affairs representative will provide group appointments concerning veterans and disability benefits April 25 at 1 p.m. in

Building 3200, Room 243. For more information, or to sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is April 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Medical Right Start is from 12:40 to 4 p.m. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Heartlink spouse orientation

D-M will sponsor Heartlink, the military spouse orientation program, May 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. The program will allow military spouses to meet other D-M spouses as well as to learn more about the programs and services available to them and their family. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy fun, games and a free lunch. Space fills up quickly so those who are interested are encouraged to sign up early. For reservations, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Drive-in style movie night

Members of the Davis-Monthan community are invited to Bama Park April 22 for a drive-in style movie night hosted by the 357th Fighter Squadron. This is an Underage Drinking Task Force event designed to provide Airmen an alternative to drinking. The cookout, including burgers, hot dogs and drinks, begins at 7:30 p.m. and the movie "We Were Soldiers" will begin at 8 p.m. The movie "Dodgeball" will be shown at 11 p.m. There will be bleachers set up but people are welcome to bring lawn chairs, blankets and sleeping bags to sit on instead. Admission into the movie is free but tickets are needed to get food. Tickets for the cookout are \$1 and must be purchased no later than Thursday from dorm chiefs and first sergeants. In addition to the movie, there will be prizes and giveaways from various local restaurants and businesses.

JROTC Leadership Encampment

June 19 through 25 D-M will host this year's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Summer Leadership Encampment. There will be a meeting Thursday in the 12th Air Force Battle Staff Conference Room from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for those interested in volunteering. Motivated Airmen and NCOs interested in being training instructors, evening mentors, bus drivers, classroom instructors or guest speakers should attend the meeting. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Travis Bolt at 228-0011 or send an e-mail to Travis.Bolt@dm.af.mil.

Airman's Attic

The Airman's Attic is now accepting donations of usable household items, clothing appliances and furniture. The Airman's Attic is open every Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month. To arrange pick-up of a donation, call 228-4098.

Outdoor Recreational Pool will open soon for summer

The Outdoor Recreational Pool is currently set to open April 30 with the summer season lasting until Aug. 14.

Hours of operation during the summer season for recreational swim and open swim are Monday from noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult and family swim is Monday through Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. The hours for lap swim time are Monday through Friday from 8 to 11 a.m.

Daily fees are \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children over the age of 2 years and \$3 for guests to Davis-Monthan. There is no fee for children under 2 years or for lap swim.

A season pool pass is good from April 30 until Sept. 30. The cost is \$35 for one person,

Sam the Coyote spends some time at the Davis-Monthan Outdoor Recreational Pool. The pool is scheduled to open for the 2005 summer season April 30.



Courtesy photo

\$50 for two people, \$65 for three people, \$75 for four people and \$85 for five people.

In addition, the D-M community can make reservations to host pool parties from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday or Sunday nights. Pool Party fees will be \$1.50 per person with a minimum non-refundable \$80 charge. Reservations and payment must be made in person, a minimum of two weeks in advance.

(Information courtesy 355th Services Squadron.)

Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352.

Trips to Mexico

Davis-Monthan's Outdoor Recreation and Information, Tickets and Travel have cancelled all trips to Mexico until further notice.

N'awlins Night

Tonight there will be a Cajun buffet at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. The menu includes gumbo, red beans and rice, Cajun corn and more. In addition to food, there will be music and Cajun style fun. The cost is \$8.95 and members receive \$2 discount and use of a Services Buck. Reservations are required. The buffet is from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 228-3100.

Day in the Park, Spring Fling

D-M will host Day in the Park April 23 at Bama Park from 9 a.m. to noon. Parents may spend time with their children making crafts, playing games and enjoying a barbecue. There will be make-and-take-tables, informational booths and more. For more information regarding Day in the Park, call 228-8844.

The base will also host the second Annual Spring Fling Crafts Fair April 23 at Bama Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many different craft vendors will have their displays for show between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. A Salsa Cook-off will begin at noon. Individuals are encouraged to come out

and watch the contestants prepare some of the best recipes in the southwest. Those interested in competing in the salsa cook-off need to complete a registration form by Saturday. From noon to 1 p.m. the Harlem Ambassadors will be visiting with families and handing out tickets for their evening basketball game to be played at 5 p.m. at the Fitness and Sports Center. At 2:30 p.m. there will be jello eating, pie eating and bubble blowing competitions. For more information regarding the Spring Fling, contact the Arts and Crafts Center at 228-4385.

Parent/Teen Adventure Camp

The Parent/Teen Outdoor Adventure Camp is for families of active duty Air Force personnel, Reserves, Air National Guard, their spouses and dependents aged 12 to 14 years. Parent and teen participants should arrive at Colorado Springs June 26. During the seven day camp, attendees will participate in a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Families may be asked to help fund their airline or travel costs to Colorado Springs. However, once at the camp, all lodging, meals and activity fees will be at no cost to attendees. Each applicant must complete an application form and write a one page essay. Those interested need to submit their application and essay to the D-M Youth Center or Community Center no later than May 2. Priority will be given to families of deployed Air Force, Reserve and Air National Guard personnel. However, they will accept applications from all families meeting the criteria. For more information, stop by the Youth Center or call 228-8844.

Services Activities

Arts and Crafts Center	228-4385
<i>Tues., Wed. and Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat. noon to 4 p.m.</i>	
Auto Skills Center	228-3614
<i>Tues. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Closed Sun. and Mon.</i>	
Blanchard Golf Course	228-3734
<i>Daily, sunrise to sunset</i>	
Bowling Center	228-3461
<i>Mon. - Thurs., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.</i>	
Cabanas	747-3234
<i>Mon. - Thurs. 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 3 to 8 p.m. No deliveries between 2 and 4 p.m. Mon. - Fri.</i>	
D-M Child Development Center	228-3336
<i>Mon. - Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.</i>	
Community Center	228-3717
<i>Mon. - Thurs. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Sat. noon to 1 a.m.; Sun. noon to 6 p.m.; Weekday before a holiday is 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Weekend day before a holiday is noon to 1 a.m.; Holidays noon to 6 p.m.</i>	
Desert Inn Dining Facility	228-5501
<i>Mon. - Fri. 5:15 to 7:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Sat., Sun. and holidays 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.</i>	
Desert Oasis Barber Shop	748-8710
<i>Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>	
Desert Oasis Enlisted Club	228-3100
<i>Cashier Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Shockwave Lounge opens at 3 p.m. Wed. - Fri. Lunch Mon. - Fri. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Caterer Tues. - Fri. by appointment only.</i>	
Eagles Nest Restaurant	228-7066
<i>Located at the Golf Course: Mon. - Fri. 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.</i>	
Family Child Care	228-2201
<i>Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</i>	
Finley Child Development Center	228-6463
<i>Mon. - Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.</i>	
Fitness and Sports Center	228-0022
<i>Mon. - Thurs. open 24 hours; Fri. 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun., holidays, UTE days 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.</i>	
Haeffner Fitness Center	228-3714
<i>Mon. - Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed weekends, holidays and UTE days.</i>	
Inn on Davis-Monthan	748-1500
Information, Tickets & Travel	228-3700
<i>Mon. - Tues. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</i>	
Library	228-4381
<i>Mon. - Thurs. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.</i>	
Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental	228-3736
<i>Mon. - Tues. and Thurs. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</i>	
Outdoor Recreational Pool	228-3759
<i>Closed until May.</i>	
Paintball Range	228-3736
<i>Sat. and Sun. 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call to book weekday hours.</i>	
Stormy's Cyber Cafe	228-3717
<i>Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.</i>	
The Mirage Officers' Club	228-3301
<i>The Mirage will be closed for renovations until July. All lunch, cashier, catering and special evening dining has been moved to the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. The Polly Bar will remain open during the construction project. Polly Bar opens at 4 p.m. Thurs. and Fri.</i>	
The Mirage Barber Shop	748-8968
<i>Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</i>	
Veterinarian	228-3529
<i>Subject to change: Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.</i>	
Youth Center	228-8844
<i>Tues. - Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat. noon to 8 p.m.</i>	



